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SUBJECT: (S) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON DPRK-IRAN FLIGHT

REF: A. (A) STATE 79112
[1](#)B. (B) ASTANA 1286
[1](#)C. (C) ASTANA 1342

Classified By: ISN Acting DAS Philip Foley,
Reasons 1.4 (b), (c), and (d)

THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST. SEE PARA 2.

[1](#)1. (S) Posts are requested to approach appropriate-level host nation officials regarding additional information vis-a-vis a chartered North Korean passenger flight to Iran (REF A). It has come to our attention that a Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) meeting is scheduled to be held in Iran on 27-30 July, coincident with the respective 28 July arrival and 31 July departure dates of the North Korean Il-62 flight. Because the purpose of this flight is unclear, potential overflight states should continue to carefully scrutinize it to prevent any illicit transfers, consistent with UNSCRs 1718, 1737, and 1747, to include overflight denial or landing for inspection, as they determine is appropriate. Posts should make clear, however, that it is not USG's intention to block North Korean diplomatic travel to the NAM. Posts may draw from background, objectives, and talking points/non-paper below as appropriate.

OBJECTIVES

[1](#)2. (S//REL CHINA, AFGHANISTAN, KAZAKHSTAN, KYRGYZSTAN, TAJIKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN, UZBEKISTAN): Posts should alert host governments to the coincidence of the NAM meeting and the planned North Korean flight and stress that it is not USG's intention to block North Korean diplomatic travel to the NAM.

[1](#)3. (S//REL CHINA, AFGHANISTAN, KAZAKHSTAN, KYRGYZSTAN, TAJIKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN, UZBEKISTAN): Host governments should continue to carefully scrutinize the flight to prevent any illicit transfers, consistent with UNSCRs 1718, 1737, and 1747, to include overflight denial or landing for inspection, as they determine is appropriate.

[1](#)4. (S//REL KAZAKHSTAN) Although the Kazakh government apparently denied overflight clearance prior to the US demarche (REFS B & C), post may share this non-paper with Astana as it deems appropriate.

BACKGROUND

[1](#)5. (S//REL CHINA, AFGHANISTAN, KAZAKHSTAN, KYRGYZSTAN, TAJIKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN, UZBEKISTAN): It has come to our attention that a NAM meeting is scheduled to be held in Iran on 27-30 July, coincident with the 28 July arrival and 31 July departure dates of the North Korean Il-62 flight. We do not know if the DPRK-Iran flight will carry any associated

diplomatic personnel.

TALKING POINTS/NON-PAPER

¶6. (S//REL CHINA, AFGHANISTAN, KAZAKHSTAN, KYRGYZSTAN, TAJIKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN, UZBEKISTAN) Begin talking points/non-paper:

-- We would like to provide you with additional information regarding the planned North Korean flight that may request overflight of your territory as it transits to and from Iran on 28 and 31 July.

-- It has come to our attention that a Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) meeting is scheduled to be held in Iran on 27-30 July, coincident with the arrival and departure dates of the North Korean flight.

-- The purpose of this flight remains unclear. We do not know if it is carrying any diplomatic personnel associated with the NAM meeting.

-- We would like to affirm that it is not USG's intention to prevent or interfere with North Korean diplomatic travel to the NAM.

-- We continue to urge that you carefully scrutinize this flight to prevent any illicit transfers of prohibited arms, equipment, or technical assistance, consistent with UNSCRs 1718, 1737, and 1747, to include overflight denial or landing for inspection, as you determine is appropriate.

-- We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. We will provide you with any additional information we obtain, and ask that you do the same.

END POINTS.

REPORTING REQUIREMENT AND POC

¶6. (U) Please report delivery of demarche and any immediate response by July 25.

¶7. (U) Washington point of contact for follow-up information is Mark Felipe, (202) 647-5376, felipem2@state.sgov.gov. Please slug all responses for EAP, NEA, ISN, SCA, and T. Washington appreciates Posts, assistance.
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